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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 22, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month up to and including October 22, 2003, is filed simultaneously herewith. In response to the Office Action, and before examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks: